

By Mr. Hays of Boston, petition of Coleman Silbert for an amendment of the law relative to the rights of the Commonwealth in respect to the estates of intestate persons not leaving near relatives. Legal Affairs. Jan. 19.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

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An Act to give the Commonwealth Greater Rights in the Estates of Intestate Persons not leaving Near Relatives.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and ninety of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by striking out paragraph numbered six  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 (6) If he leaves no issue, and no father, mother,  
6 brother or sister and no issue of any deceased  
7 brother or sister, then to his next of kin in equal  
8 degree, provided however no next of kin shall in-  
9 herit who is further removed from the testator  
10 than a first cousin, except that if first cousins share  
11 in the estate then the issue of any deceased first  
12 cousin may also share by right of representation;  
13 if there are two or more collateral kindred in equal  
14 degree claiming through different ancestors, those  
15 claiming through the nearest ancestor shall be pre-  
16 ferred to those claiming through an ancestor more  
17 remote.

1 SECTION 2. Section three of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and ninety of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by inserting after the word " kindred "  
4 in paragraph seven, the words:— as herein de-  
5 fined,— so as to read as follows:— (7) If an in-  
6 testate leaves no kindred as herein defined, and no  
7 widow or husband, his estate shall escheat to the  
8 commonwealth.



